Detroit Gems

1946-47 Season

Media Guide

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MEMBER

Head Coach - Joel Mason

Co-owners - Maurice Winston
King Boring

Publicity Director - Fred Delano

Colors - Royal Blue, Scarlet and White

JOEL MASON

Head coach of the Detroit Gems in their first season of National Professional Basketball League competition is Joel Mason, a graduate of Western Michigan College of Kalamazoo, and, currently, assistant football and basketball coach at Wayne University in Detroit. At Western he starred in basketball and football, later playing five years of professional football with the Green Bay Packers.

Player Statistics

Fred Campbell	F	5' 11"	175	Southern Ill. Normal
Paul Juntunen	F	6' 1"	185	Wayne U.
Del Loranger	F	6' 3"	175	W. Mich.
Ed Parry	F	6' 2"	185	---
Bob Dykstra	C	6' 9"	234	Simpson
Dave Latter	C	6' 4"	210	---
Howie McCarthy	G	6' 2"	197	Wayne U.
Herb Sheffler	C	6' 4"	200	Oklahoma
Walt Czarnecki	F	6' 5"	210	Fordson

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THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

During the course of this year's basketball season, it is the hope of the IMA to present several professional basketball games for the enjoyment of Flint's court fans. The Dow Athletic Club will represent Flint as the home team. Opponents will all be members of the National League and the best teams in the country have been secured to give you the opportunity to witness the famous players of

college and university, as well as the outstanding "name" players of the professional ranks.

Included on the schedule are:

Jan. 9 - Zollner Pistons - Three times winner of the World's Championship Tournament staged in Chicago, and twice consecutive winner of the College All-Star Game. On their roster are such famous players as Bobby McDermott, playing coach and recognized as "Mr. Basketball" of the court game. He is the outstanding long shot of all players in the game today. All-Americans on the Pistons' squad are: Bob Kinney from Rice University; Milo Komenich from Wyoming University; John Pelkington from St. John's University; and Paul "Curly" Armstrong from Indiana University.

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Feb. 3 - Rochester Royals - Starting their first year of professional league competition last year, the Royals astounded the basketball world by winning the National League Champion-

ship and look as though they will repeat this year. A well balanced, sharpshooting squad provides them with their championship qualities. Rochester and Dow have met only once this year, when Dow took a 53-51 decision in the Chicago Stadium in a thrilling game from start to finish.

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Feb. 9 - Youngstown Bears - Another newcomer to professional ranks, but already a team that has produced victories over the best in pro circles, the Bears - Dow game will be another top in basketball entertainment. In the only meeting between these two teams this year, Dow took a 53-49 decision in the last minute of play in a wild and hectic struggle that saw the lead change hands seven different times during the course of the game. Unquestionably, the Bears will be out to gain revenge and the resulting content should prove to be one of the best basketball battles ever staged in local circles.